

# **BUNYIP & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWS**



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# **Explore the December Twilight Community Market**

### By Roman Kulkewycz

The December Community Market will be a twilight market, held on Friday 9th December between 4 pm and 7 pm. This will be the final market for the year, so make sure you come down and find yourself some great Christmas presents.

There'll be plenty of variety for everyone at the November market, which will be held on Sunday 27th November from 9 am to 2 pm. If you are interested in booking a stall for either market, please contact Tony on 0407 563 441 or Roman on 0417 360 783. See page 26 for more details.

With two market days in January, the first Community Market for 2017 will be on Saturday 21st January, followed by Sunday 29th January and the last Sunday of each month thereon in.

The Market Committee has erected a BBQ Rotunda, with wind break and seating built along the two walls. Funds are still being raised to fit a commercial twin plate electric BBQ and a table, as well as security lighting and a cyclone type fence for the safety of children. You can donate to the BBQ Rotunda fund at Bunyip & District Bendigo Community Bank on Main Street, Bunyip.



Photo: Bunyip & District Men's Shed stall at Community Market.



Photo: Rotunda as it is today - funding is still needed to complete the final stages.



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# Melbourne Cup visits Bunyip Hillview Aged Care

### By Roman Kulkewycz

As part of it's Trans Auckland Tour, the Melbourne Cup entourage visited Hillview Bunyip Aged Care on Thursday 20th October as part of its journey to Flemington Racecourse. The township of Bunyip and the Hillview Hostel were abuzz with anticipation and excitement as residents from Hillview and the Independent Living Units, management, Board members and staff along with residents of Bunyip gathered in the Hill Centre Reception Room for the Cup's arrival. Cardinia Shire councillors, Graeme Moore and David Young were also in attendance.

As the entourage entered the Hill Centre, there was a standing ovation and cheering welcome. The Melbourne Cup was placed in a prominent position for all to see and those who wanted to have their photo taken with the Cup were invited to do so. A white glove had to be worn on the hand that held the pure gold Cup which was available for photos for an hour and a half so that everyone had the opportunity to have one taken.

Hillview CEO Frank Hoff welcomed the entourage and those present, and called on veteran race calling legend Bryan Martin to speak about the history of the Melbourne Cup as well as how he became involved in racing as a young boy to eventually become of the most respected and accurate race callers in Australia. Bryan then called a phantom Hillview Cup, which was won by Phar Lap.

Flemington's Fashions on the Field Ambassador and talented equestrian eventer Georgia Connolly spoke about her role in this years Melbourne Cup, which was followed by a complimentary afternoon tea provided by Friends of Hillview to all that attended this wonderful event in Bunyip. Thanks again to Debra Snelten, Hillview's Diversional Therapist, who arranged the Cup's visit.



Photo: Flemington Ambassador Georgia Connolly.



Photo: Cardinia Port Ward Councillor Graeme Moore.



Photo: Administration Manager Vicki Reid and CEO Frank Hoff.



Photo: Bryan Martin calling the Hillview Cup.



Photo: (L-R) Donna Duim, Director of Nursing Cassie Pronk, Sue Robb and Amelia Paton.

## Melbourne Cup visits Bunyip Hillview Aged Care (cont'd)

Photos by Roman Kulkewycz



Photo: Hillview resident, Ron Bray holds the Melbourne Cup aloft. With him are granddaughters (L-R) Stephanie and Cassandra Bray, wife Leanna and granddaughter Elloise Bray (Far R).



Photo: Retired Real Estate Agent, Gerard Collins from Drouin, started his working life as a Jockey was thrilled to hold the Melbourne Cup.



Photo: Wilma Kulkewycz from Garfield with her four year old granddaughter Stella Kulkewycz from Bunyip.



Photo: XNoel Biggins of Bunyip fulfils his wish to one day hold the Melbourne Cup.



Photo: Rosemary Gallus and Anne Diston from Bunyip.



Photo: Hillview Independent Living Unit resident Carol Zipkas.



Photo: Lorna Rundell from Bunyip with her sister Gwen Gretton from Newborough.



Photo: Hillview resident Carmel Fawkner.



Photo: St. Thomas' Bunyip Annual Flower Show entrants.

# St. Thomas' Bunyip Annual Flower Show & Market

### By Pam Schembri

The flower show and market, held on Saturday 22nd October, was a great success considering the weather. So a big thank you to all the people who were brave and visited the show.

Congratulations to the following raffle winners.

1st Prize – Rick Williams from Tynong

2nd Prize – Barb Dickinson from Iona

3rd Prize - Yolanda Steffans from Caulfield South

4th Prize - Kathy Clark from Bunyip

Celebrating 114 years!

The Lorna Dowie Memorial Award for the 'Best Red Rose' was awarded to Denise Mollison, and the Door Prize was won by Sue Young with a Bush Rose.

Thank you to Wendy Earwicker for her time over the two days and to all the helpers as well.

We hope to see you at

## We remember Alan Jenkins

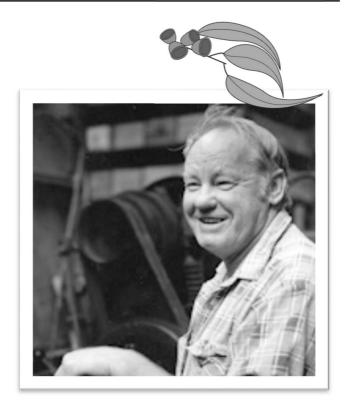
### By Sue Neilson

The Bunyip & District Community News mourns the loss of one their valued members Alan Jenkins, who passed away peacefully at home on 15th October aged 78 years.

Alan was on the printing roster since 2004 and was our longest serving current member. He was also our handy man and built the little things (and big) to make the life of a printer of the Bunyip & District Community News much easier.

Alan first started on the team when we still had printers, typists and collators. He saw the newsletter move into modern technology with the onset of a collating machine and a photocopier / printer.

He was also instrumental in making a joint decision to move to a complete machine which printed, collated and stapled the paper and the move to a monthly publication instead of fortnightly. Alan was a much respected member of the team and he will be sorely missed.



Our sympathies go to his wife Jacqueline, and children; Russell and Patricia, Ashley, Bronwyn and Scott, Alister and Elizabeth; and his grandchildren Stephanie, Christopher, Gregory and Lawrence.

# Talkin' Fishin'... Bait revisited from September 2013

By The TackleMan®

While I have covered bait collection before, the keeping of it is probably more important, after all the hard work you've put into collecting it. Preserving baits will give you more fishing time and save you money as well. This doesn't include frozen bait of course, as this will keep for up to 12 months so long as you don't let it thaw out. The main theme here is keep the small live baits *cool*, as heat will reduce their life expectancy dramatically.

### **Maggots**

Keep in clean dry sawdust, avoid moisture and damp. Occasionally sort or sift gently and remove any soft or dead ones from the batch of movers. Use a few containers with small amounts in each, only bring one batch out at a time keeping the others in the cool. Keep in a cool or cold spot, low shelf in the fridge is a good place. Put in a container very different to the fried rice.

#### Worms

Allow them to live in a cool moist open soil with straw matter and shredded paper. Use a foam or dark plastic container; punch plenty of small air holes in the lid. Don't allow the soil to be too wet or dry out by rotating the container occasionally to stop them packing in one area. A teaspoon of powdered worm food, ground layer pellets or wheat bran sprinkled sparingly will keep them fed. Check daily until it's all gone; don't overfeed or they will die.

### **Grasshoppers, Crickets and Mudeyes**

These are probably the easiest to look after, just plenty of feed and cover with either green grass, leaves, chopped gardening sugar cane allow space to crawl, water spray moist only. Keep in the dark and cool. Leave a little water in the bottom of the container so the mudeyes can swim if need be. Provide an even air flow.

### **Shrimp**

Can be kept in a bucket with damp fine seaweed to climb through and place a few larger sticks in too, but have small holes drilled all the way around 75 mm above the bottom of the bucket. Occasionally dip the bucket in clean water (lid on) and the excess will drain out. Leave the refreshed amount in the base for them to swim.



### **Bass Yabbies (Nippers)**

These are hard to keep alive unless you regularly change the water they live in, and don't shock them with too much variation in the temperature. Best way I've found is to keep them is in a floating berley pot sitting in a 20 litre bucket. Lift the pot out and



Photo: Float this berley pot by putting foam inside the lid. This will be your best friend.

change the bucket water, then place the pot back in to the fresh water. It helps to hang an aerator pump on the side with a fish pump stone dangling at the bottom. You'll see all their waste go to the bottom of the bucket; discard any that die as they'll kill the rest.

### Sandworm

I left this one for last on purpose...wow! These things are almost impossible to keep alive. It seems everything that's not their natural environment will kill 'em. Anything that's abrasive should be removed from anywhere near them; especially the sand sold in the box with them. This is to add weight and cut them to pieces so you buy more, and the mix of body juice and sand stings like hell under your nails. Kept in too much damp, like in wet hessian or paper, turns them too mush or they weave through it and get trapped like a barbed arrow head. I can only suggest keeping them in water, changing it regularly. Treat them gently! Or damp fine soft seaweed with NO sand at all and kept cool at all times... next to your beer in the Esky a good spot. Remember, these like to live deep in cold sand holes, not on your boat seat or by your side on the riverbank in the sun.

By keeping your bait cool and fresh, as if you were going to eat it yourself, save you money and it gives you more time to fish. So be kind, and return any unused baits or creatures, back to the environment they came from.

Catcha... and good luck keeping your bait fresh!



Photo: Front (L–R) Gloria Johnstone, Ron Bray, Matt Lewis, Mary Usher and Ken Rowlands; Back (L–R) Rene Burns, Mavis Bradshaw, Stewart Camp, Mem Spinaze, Duncan Holman, Lorna Rundell, Pat Bow, Thelma Teese.

# Local hero Paralympian Matt Lewis visits Hillview

### By Roman Kulkewycz

Twenty nine year old Matt Lewis from Pakenham won a gold medal in this years' Paralympics at Rio playing rugby for Australia. Matt visited the residents at Hillview Bunyip Aged Care on Wednesday 26th October to speak about his medal win and his journey to the Paralympics.

Five years ago Matt was experimenting with homemade explosives, when things went horribly wrong. There was a huge explosion and the next thing he remembered he was lying in a hospital bed with no legs below both knees and all his fingers gone. After many surgeries and a long recovery process, Matt found an interest in playing wheelchair rugby and eventually made it in to the Paralympic team that went to Rio earlier this year.

Wheelchair rugby, (originally murderball, and known as quad rugby in the US), is a team sport for athletes with a disability. It is practised in over 25 countries around the world and is a summer Paralympic sport.

In Rio this year, Australia were 5th in the medal tally with 22 golds and a total of 81 medals. The Australian Rugby team defeated the US in the finals by a solitary goal during the dying stages of the last quarter (59–58) securing another gold medal for Australia.

The residents thoroughly enjoyed listening to Matt's story and after his talk they wanted to meet him and get to know him a little better. Many residents wanted to be photographed with him and Matt didn't hesitate to jump in the odd photo or two, so a big thank you to him for spending such quality time with the residents.



Photo: Matt Lewis at Rio Paralympic 2016 (aaavic.org.au/blog).

Resident Ron Bray expressed his sincere thanks to Matt on behalf of the residents at Hillview and said that it had been a "golden" month following a recent visit of the Melbourne Cup (see page 3).



Photo: Matt Lewis with his sister Linda Lewis showing off his Paralympic gold medal. .

### Local hero Paralympian Matt Lewis visits Hillview (cont'd)

Photos by Roman Kulkewycz



Photo: Matt Lewis sharing his Paralympian experience with Hillview resident Noel Biggins.



Photo: Front (L-R) Ron Bray, Matt Lewis and Mary Usher; Back (L-R) Mavis Bradshaw, Stewart Camp, Mem Spinaze, Duncan Holman, Lorna Rundell, and Pat Bow.



Photo: Hillview resident Dulcie Bradford with Matt Lewis.



Photo: Matt Lewis is congratulated by Duncan Holman.

# Rotary Club of Bunyip-Garfield

### By John Legione

Over the past couple of months the Rotary Club of Bunyip—Garfield has been extremely busy. During this time we have been involved in the installation of several Automated External Defibrillators (AED) around the district (see page 35). This project is coming to the end with the installation of the final AED's to be completed later this month.

We have distributed funds to all local primary schools and kindergartens to assist with student wellbeing. We provided financial support to the Bunyip Community Market BBQ project and to BDCN newsletter. The club has also partnered with Bunyip Primary School Parents and Friends to erect the Healthy Living Loop Seating Project.

During this time we have had numerous speakers from a variety of fields, including transport, apple farming, landcare and literature. One of the more slightly different events was our recent Hats Night. Members were asked to wear a hat for the entire meeting with funds raised being donated to the Australian Rotary Health Initiative – Mental Illness.





Photo: Rotarian Peter Heywood with President John Legione.

On Sunday 13th November we held the first joint Annual Car Show and Expo with the Rotary Club of Pakenham, and as our first venture into this field, proved to be a successful event. Monies raised will be divided between the two clubs and used to fund community projects.

Have you ever thought about helping the community? Why not join Rotary. Rotary is no longer the "fuddy duddy" type organisation with a more flexible approach to attendance and membership. Please give John a call on 0407 357 422 and discuss how you can become a Rotarian.

# **Appointment of Sergeant Danny Hower**

### By Roman Kulkewycz

Sergeant Danny Hower is our new replacement Police Officer in Bunyip. He replaces Sergeant Ray de Reus. Daniel transferred to Bunyip in July of this year. He is a local and is keen to continue to provide monthly police reports for our newsletter (see page 31). In the report there is a range of different issues that he thinks would be of interest to our community, such as local statistics, individual incidents and police involvements etc.

Here is an overview and summary of our police station. The Bunyip Police Station has a strength of one Sergeant and four Senior Constables. It is a non-24 hour station in the Cardinia Police Service Area (PSA) and assists in serving the Cardinia Shire area 24/7 along with Koo Wee Rup, Emerald and Pakenham Police Stations. Geographically the Bunyip Police response zone is bordered by the western side of Longwarry and eastern side of Nar Nar Goon, the Bunyip State Forest / Tonimbuk / Tynong North / Maryknoll areas to the north and the Vervale /lona areas to the south.

The main populous areas include the townships of Bunyip, Garfield, Tynong and Nar Nar Goon. Bunyip Police's operational role is called "general duties" and the work includes daily response patrols, road policing, warrants and files as well as supervision duties – on a wide variety of jobs and all hours of the day and night. There is generally a two member response unit on shift on most days and the police station itself is open according to "on road and station priorities".



Photo: Bunyip Police Station, 4 Pearson St, Bunyip.

The Officers currently working at Bunyip have worked in local areas from Dandenong to Traralgon for many years and as a result have an excellent local knowledge. They are proud of the communities they serve and prefer to be proactively involved in problems to resolve issues early, rather than reacting to situations when things have gone too far.

If police attendance is required at any job, please ring 000. If it is a matter that doesn't require immediate police attendance, then please call 03 5629 5205 and your call will be answered locally, diverted to the Bunyip Patrol Unit if they're on the road or otherwise diverted to the Pakenham Police Station which is manned 24 hours.

Photo by Roman Kulkewycz

# **Bunyip & District Australia Day Celebrations**

### **By Chris Kelly**

The Bunyip & District Australia Day Committee invites you to submit nominations for the 'Bunyip & District Citizen of the Year'. The winner will be announced at our Australia Day Celebration to be held at the Bunyip Hall on 26th January 2017. Nomination forms are available from the Bunyip & District Bendigo Bank in Bunyip, or email Chris Kelly at chris@kellburypark.com.au or Sue Dubbeld at sue.dubbeld@bendigoadelaide.com.au.

Be sure to get your entries in before the closing date of 15th December 2016.



Photo: Previous year's winner, Tony Arrigo, receiving award from Sue Dubbeld, President of the Bunyip Australia Day Committee.

# Previous Bunyip & District Citizen of the Year Winners

2016 Tony Arrigo from Bunyip2015 Shirley King from Bunyip

2014 Helen Davey from Garfield

# Sore throat: what you need to know

### By UBM Medica Australia

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Sore throat is very common and is usually caused by infection with any one of a large number of viruses or less commonly bacteria. Many illnesses ranging from the common cold to glandular fever cause sore throat as a symptom. A sore throat may be accompanied by sniffles, a cough and feeling weak and feverish.

### What happens when you have a sore throat?

If bacteria or viruses infect the tissues at the back and sides of the throat, the body produces antibodies to fight off the infection. This process may cause the glands ('lymph nodes') in the neck to swell and become tender.

Most people are over the infection by one week; many people find that their sore throat goes away much sooner than this.

Occasionally, sore throat can have other causes such as allergies, excessively dry air (e.g. from air con), irritants (e.g. tobacco smoke, pollution), voice strain or gastro-oesophageal reflux disease (where acid from the stomach rises into the gullet).

### How is a sore throat treated?

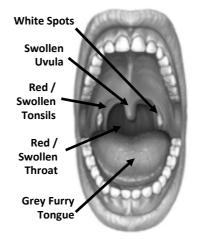
Give your body a hand to heal itself.

- Resting as much as you can. Take time off work and do not send your child to school or pre-school if they have a sore throat.
- Drinking plenty of clear fluid. (Don't worry if the person does not feel like eating much for a couple of days). Children and adults may find ice-blocks refreshing.
- Gargling with a glass of warm water with a teaspoon of salt in it at least twice a day (older children and adults only).
- Taking medicines to control the pain and fever.

### What about antibiotics and sore throats?

Most people do not need antibiotics for sore throats, as the majority are caused by viruses (which are not affected by antibiotics) or unidentified bacteria.

Antibiotics can help shorten the duration of symptoms in certain cases, for example if it's suspected that you have a specific bacterial infection. However, antibiotics are associated with side effects such as nausea and rash.



antibiotics in your particular case. If your doctor does prescribe antibiotics, make sure you complete the whole course, even if your symptoms clear up before you have

Diagram: Symptoms of sore throat.

antibiotics. This reduces the risk in the community of bacteria becoming resistant to the antibiotics.

### Pain relief for a sore throat

Pain relief for sore throats should be considered. Pain relief will allow you to eat and drink more comfortably and has the added benefit of reducing fever if this is a problem.

Paracetamol, paracetamol combined with codeine, or codeine combined with aspirin, or aspirin alone are useful and safe if used in the correct doses. Medicines containing aspirin must not be used by children under 12 years.

Your doctor may also prescribe ibuprofen, a non steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID), which is also safe and effective in children. People with peptic or duodenal ulcers, bleeding conditions or who are taking anti-coagulant medicine should not take ibuprofen or aspirin.

### When should I see my doctor for a sore throat?

Seek immediate medical attention if you or your child have any of the following symptoms, which could indicate a life-threatening condition:

- Difficulty breathing or noisy breathing.
- Neck stiffness rather than throat pain.
- A lot of difficulty swallowing water or saliva.
- A muffled voice.
- Drooling.
- A rash or bruising.
- Or signs and symptoms of dehydration, such as sunken eyes or passing less urine than usual.

### Sore throat: what you need to know (cont'd)

You should also see a doctor if you or your child have any of the following.

- A high fever for 48 hours or longer.
- No easing of the sore throat after 7 days (adults) or 2 days (children).
- Ear pain.
- Or other medical problems which affect how your body can heal itself, such as diabetes or immune disorders.

In these circumstances, your doctor will examine you and may do blood tests or a throat swab (a cotton swab is brushed over the back of your throat and examined for bacteria in the laboratory) to establish whether antibiotics may be necessary.

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# Dealing with hayfever the natural way

### By Robert Jacobs, Naturopath

As this is my first subject specific article, I will start by saying that as a Naturopath, I deal with people who have particular problems accompanied by a particular group of symptoms. It is therefore important that it is understood that while dealing with illness and disease, everyone is different so it is difficult to generalise when talking about disease.

Many people choose to seek the assistance of a Naturopath for either adjunct or alternative treatments for chronic illnesses. While this is a big part of our treatment regime, we are also able to provide primary care for both chronic and acute illness, including diabetes, arthritis, allergies, irritable bowel syndrome, etc.

In this edition, I will use hayfever as an example. Hayfever is accompanied by rhinitis, which is inflammation of the mucous membrane lining of the nasal cavity. There are many triggers that can cause hayfever symptoms including pollens, fungal spores in the air, dust etc.

There are often dietary components that though may not necessarily cause hayfever, can make a person more prone to the sensitivity that they develop towards certain allergens. An example of this, is that in some people excessive dairy products may increase the production of mucous, therefore increasing the sensitivity to allergens that inflame

the mucous membranes. There are also certain foods that assist in the blocking of histamine, which is responsible for the symptoms that develop during an episode of hayfever, for example Vitamin C.

Certain digestive enzymes are also beneficial in assisting in the breakdown of proteins and fats, such as fenugreek, baical skullcap, liquorice root and turmeric are extremely effective.

Vegetables you can eat include watercress, onions and garlic; herbs include moringa, holy basil, thyme and tarragon; rhizomes include ginger and lotus root; fruit include pomegranates, apples and peaches.

As a natural therapist, I believe my role is not only to relieve the symptoms, but to attempt to treat the problem in a curative manner.

Please remember you can contact me at rob@robertjacobsnaturopath.com.au if you have anything of interest that you would like me to write.



# **Hillview Bunyip Aged Care Extensions**

### By Roman Kulkewycz

Construction will begin shortly at Hillview Bunyip Aged Care to expand the community owned aged care facility to an eventual 120 beds, which will be an increase of 70 beds from the current 50 bed occupancy.

The announced was made at last Tuesday's AGM, on 25th October, and there was a huge boost to the building project budget with the presentation of a cheque for \$680,000 by the former Bunyip Medical Centre Committee, being the proceeds of the sale of the community owned Medical Clinic to Doctor Mamdouh Georgy.

Former Hillview Manager, Port Ward Councillor and Cardinia Shire Mayor, Bill Pearson, also presented an interesting history of the Bunyip Medical Centre from its first doctor, Doctor Baldwin, to the current doctors at the Clinic. This was followed by a surprise announcement that one of the 13 bed wings will be named 'The Bill Pearson Wing' in honour of Bill who has contributed so much to Hillview Bunyip Aged Care and the Bunyip community.

Long Service medals were presented to employees Jenni Onley and Ratka Stefanovski for 15 years of loyal service to Hillview.

Photos by Roman Kulkewycz



Photo: Former Bunyip Medical Clinic committee members. (L–R) Erica Ponting, John Marsh, Bill Pearson and Margaret Cousin.



Photo: (L-R) Jenni Onley and Ratka Stefanovski received Long Service medals.



Photo: Former Hillview Manager, Councillor Bill Pearson to be honoured with named wing.

# Helicopter powerline inspections

### By Roman Kulkewycz

AusNet Services has began doing low-flying helicopter inspections of high voltage electricity lines across Gippsland, as part of the company's maintenance and bushfire mitigation programs. Helicopter inspections allow assess to a large volume of electricity assets in challenging terrains and diverse landscapes across the network, which services 80,000 km² of eastern Victoria.

The helicopter landed on a couple of occasions at the Garfield Recreation Reserve on Thursday 3rd November to rendezvous with ground crew.

2 year old Austyn Riseborough from Pakenham was delighted to be allowed to sit in the pilots seat and have a "pretend" fly. Every boys delight!

Photos by Roman Kulkewycz



Photos: Austyn Riseborough with AusNet Services helicopter.





# Cannibal Creek Pony Club Inc.

Cannibal Creek Reserve, Garfield Nth Road, Garfield Nth.



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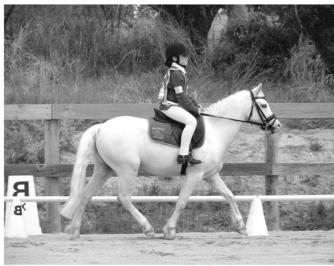
# **Annual Dressage Day Competition**

As part of the West Gippsland Zone Dressage Series, Cannibal Creek Pony Club held it's annual Dressage Day competition. Despite the very windy conditions in the afternoon that made it hard for riders with arenas blowing down, the day was well organised and entries were good.

Many thanks to our major sponsor, Skye Park Rugs, who made up all the Champion Jackpot winners woollen rugs and woollen saddle blanket for the 5A winner. Our raffle had some great prizes also and we must thank all the local businesses for donating goods. Lastly, a huge thanks to all our parents and volunteers who helped make the day a success.

We look forward to our next competition in 2017.











# **History of Bunyip Police Station**

By Sergeant Ray de Reus (edited by Sergeant Danny Hower)



In 2004 Sergeant Ray de Reus requested some history of the police presence in Bunyip from the Police Historical Unit, and established that a temporary police station had been opened in Bunyip between February and June of 1893. He also found that the mounted Constable from Longwarry had taken up that position.

The temporary police station was then closed and reopened permanently on the 18th February 1904, approximately 100 years before the current building.

On 9th January 2004, the new and current police building at 4 Pearson Street opened, and Ray took occupation as the Sergeant in Charge. At the time, other police described it as luxurious and grandeur. It was definitely a more spacious and comfortable working environment than the previous building, which had been opened in 1959 for one person. The new building had all the modern conveniences including a holding cell. Ray had been told that locals may run a book on the first occupant of the room!

Coincidentally Bunyip Police Station numbers in 2004 were one Sergeant and four senior constables / other ranks, which is the same nearly 13 years later.



Photo: Bunyip Main Street in 1924.

Ray was looking to update the historical records of the station and had requested information from any locals with knowledge of the previous police members, station locations, or peoples historical stories of police involvements.

I would also like to collate any information or stories you have on the current or previous station and it's occupants, so please feel free to contact us.

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# Prepare for the fire season and be FireReady

### Fire Action Week The Right Time To Prepare

Victorians are being urged to prepare for the upcoming fire season with the launch of Fire Action Week. The campaign urges people to be fire ready and understand their fire risk now and plan ahead – not when the fire starts.

Forecasts show potential for an above average fire season, despite the recent heavy rain and flooding in many parts of the state.

You can download the VicEmergency app from www.emergency.vic.gov.au or download the FireReady app for your mobile to get up to date information about what's happening in your area.



So what should you do.

- 1. Plan what you'll do in the event of a fire, talk to your household and know where to access information on high risk days.
- 2. Keep grass short. Fire can ignite and travel quickly through long grass.
- 3. Get rid of any dry grass, leaves, twigs and loose bark around your home and property.
- 4. Remove or prune shrubs near windows and keep them well away from branches of mature trees.
- 5. Cut back overhanging tree branches close to property no branches within 10 metres.
- 6. Keep gutters and roof areas clear of leaf litter (if you are physically able to).
- 7. Remove all materials from around the home that could burn, such as boxes, furniture and woodpiles.

# **Bunyip Animal Rescue Network (BARN)**

What beautiful spring weather we are having! But these sunny days bring the snakes out in to the open. Gippsland vet clinics have already started treating cases of snake bites this season. If you suspect any of your furry friends have been bitten, be sure to get immediate medical help, as a speedy intervention gives the best chance of a positive outcome. Please remember that snakes are a protected species, so call our local snake catcher, Geoff Lockwood, who is available to assist with removals and relocations on 0428 352 203. If Geoff is unavailable, there is a list of additional Gippsland based snake catchers on the Venom Wise website www.venomwise.com.au.

Our local animal cruelty investigator has sent out a reminder that there is a free hotline to report issues of animal mistreatment or neglect. Calls can be made to 1800 751 770 at no charge, and callers may remain anonymous if they wish.

Big Sky Sanctuary, a small sanctuary for rescued animals, is holding a fundraiser barn dance on Saturday 3 December at their property just outside of Warragul. Details about tickets are on their Facebook



page and on the BARN website. All funds raised will go toward the care of the rescued animals at the sanctuary.

Visit the BARN website to read the rest of this month's news www.speakforanimals.info/barn-2016.

Until next time...

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# Why camp in Bunyip State Park this summer

As it comes in to the holiday season, we are looking for somewhere to take a break, that doesn't cost a fortune and isn't a day drive. Then how about camping in Bunyip Sate Park?

In February 2009, 45% of Bunyip State Park was burnt by wildfire. Despite this dramatic event this park is once again an amazing escape where you can breathe fresh air and enjoy native plants and animals. See a mosaic of green from heathland on river plains to Mountain Ash forest covering steep slopes. Whatever recreational pursuit you enjoy, Bunyip State Park provides opportunities for all.

And then there's the legend of the Bunyip, which is believed to be a dark furry animal with a round face, small ears and fiery eyes that glow in the dark! According to the Aboriginal people, the Bunyip or "Buneep" (as spelt on early maps which show the river, first cattle run and township) is a spirit that punishes bad people. Local Aboriginal people believed the Bunyip lived in the swamps of the Bunyip River, and therefore avoided the area. Many early settlers, believing this story, never pitched their tents near a 'Bunyip hole'. People were also careful not to make ripples when collecting water. This upset the Bunyip. Parks Victoria acknowledges the Aboriginal Traditional Owners of Victoria including its parks and reserves.

There are no fees for the Bunyip State Park campgrounds and no bookings are taken – camping is first in, first-served. Best of all it's down the road!

### **Nash Creek Campground**

An open grassy area suitable for tent camping. This campground has shared picnic table and a toilet. Vehicles must remain in the adjacent car park – there is no car access onto the campsite.

### **Bunyip Weir (Freemans Mill) Camping Area**

Hike-in only camp in open grassy area near the Bunyip River, 6km walk from Car Park off Bunyip River Road. Shared picnic table provided, no toilet.

### **Forest Road Camping Area**

Forest Road Camping Area is well located for recreational vehicle access to the park. The site has a non-flush toilet. The site is suitable for campervans or camper trailers but not suitable for caravans.

### **Mortimer Camping Area**

Mortimer Camping Area is suitable for tents only. The site is in an open grassy area with shared picnic tables adjacent to William Wallace Creek and has access to many day walks.

For more information visit Parks Victoria wwww.parkweb.vic.gov.au/ explore/parks/bunyip-state-park





Photo: Kids X Factor 2016 performers on stage.

# **Community House 2016 Kids X Factor**

### By Davina Veenstra

Our third annual Kids X Factor was held on Saturday 22nd October, and what a wonderful day it was. We had a total of 19 acts, made up from 28 talented performers and it was great to see so many kids with their families getting involved in our event.

We'd like to thank the following people for their much appreciated support and involvement with this year's Kids X Factor.

John Veloso joined us this year as Musical Director. His experience in the music industry combined with his natural rapport with the kids, made him an ideal choice for the role.

Jo Simpson, Jen Cuneen and Amanda Wicks were our judges again this year, and Cardinia Shire Councillor Graeme Moore, was Master of Ceremonies. Graeme did a wonderful job of keeping the programme ticking over.

Bunyip Bendigo Community Bank once again kindly provided sponsorship in the form of vouchers. Graeme and Marg Bardon presented our three place getters with their trophies and vouchers, and they will also be given the opportunity to perform at the Bunyip Carols Service later in the year.

A big thank you must go to our Committee members, volunteers and friends who assisted either on the day or in the lead up to the event. Without your support staging this community event would be a far more arduous task.

A huge thank you must also go to all the wonderful children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who all contributed to creating a magnificent, well attended and well received event.

Finally, congratulations to our three place getters.

Bunyip & District Community House

**Winner** – Ava Rose Houben-Carter who sang two songs , 'Home' and 'Part of your world'.

**Runner Up** – Rachael Board who played two piano pieces, 'Pink Panther' and 'Return'.

**Runner Up** – Baylee Brown who sang one song, 'lar of Hearts'

We had so many excellent acts that it was a difficult task to pick just three place getters, and so we also had two acts who were recognised as highly commended. Minty Llamas who performed a skit and Olivia Squires who sang the 'Pony Song'.



Photo: Winner Ava Rose Houben-Carter with Musical Director John Veloso.

### Community House 2016 Kids X Factor (cont'd)



Photo: Runner Up Rachael Board.



Photo: Runner Up Baylee Brown.



Photo: Highly Commended Olivia Squires.

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**Photo: Highly Commended Minty Llamas.** 



Photo: Kids on stage with Musical Director John Veloso.



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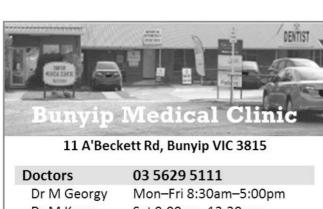


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Sun, 27 Nov	10:30 am	Longwarry Union Church – 'Combined Mission' with speaker Mr Max Chapman from MAF, followed by a sausage sizzle
Sun, 4 Dec	10:00 am	Drouin Uniting Church
	10:00 am	Bunyip Union Church - 'Holly Communion'
	5:00 pm	Drouin Church Hall – 'Families at 5 – Messy Church' with Fun, Food, Faith, Friends
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	10:00 am	Bunyip Uniting Church – 'All Age Worship' Special Christmas Service

\* For further information on location call our office on 03 5629 9055

(phone messages can be left at anytime) or email us ucadrouinbunyip @outlook.com

### SERVICE LOCATIONS

Amberlea Aged Care, 5 Pearson Rd, Drouin Bunyip UC, Cnr Nash Rd and Flett St, Bunyip Drouin AC, 132 Princes Way, Drouin Drouin UC, 7 Sinclair St, Drouin Garfield UC, 13 Garfield Rd, Garfield Hillview Aged Care, 22 Abeckett Rd, Bunyip Longwarry UC, 7 Drouin Rd, Longwarry Lyrebird Village, 8 Neerim St, Drouin

www.drouinbunyipparishuca.wordpress.com



## Bunyip & District Carols by Candlelight & Fireworks

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 7.45 pm for 8 pm start
Bunyip Recreation Reserve

Come early and bring a picnic or get something to eat from the canteen. Candles (\$2.50) and glow bracelets (\$2) (no naked flames). Don't forget a chair and a donation would be appreciated to help cover our costs of fireworks.



# BUNYIP & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWS

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# Night Owls Welcome New Members

The "Nights Owls" is a group of ladies who meet monthly.

We are a social group which assists at some events such as catering for the Anzac Day afternoon tea and the annual Mothers' Day walk.

We have guest speakers at some of our events, and there is no joining fee.

Meetings are held at the
Top Pub in Bunyip on the
third Monday of the month at
6.30 pm where we enjoy
chatting over dinner.

Come along - all welcome!

### NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

ST THOMAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH BUNYIP

Sunday 18th December 8 pm
All welcome! Followed by supper.

For further information, please phone 03 5629 5295 or email anglicanbunyip@dcsi.net.au

16 A'Beckett Rd, Bunyip



### Bunyip Cemetery Trust Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Bunyip Cemetery Trust will be held at the Bunyip Cemetery Meeting Room, Hope Street, Bunyip on Wednesday, 30th November at 9:30 am.

Interested parties welcome!

Karen Rovers, Secretary bunyipcemetery@dcsi.net.au



### **Club Notices**



Senior Soccer State League Trials

# Bunyip Soccer Club

Your local club is now actively seeking senior players to sign up and have an opportunity to showcase their skills in the Victorian Senior State League for the 2017 season and beyond.

Experienced senior coaches have been secured to ensure that the highest quality of training will be provided to enhance players of all skills levels.

Sessions commence Thursday 10th November at 7 pm. For all enquiries contact 0419 144 134.

Junior boys and girls are also welcome to join the most affordable club in the Cardinia Shire!

For more details or information on our upcoming Registration Day contact **0417 590 830** or visit our Facebook page or website.



Bunyip Soccer Club 80 Nar Nar Goon-Longwarry Rd www.bunyipsoccerclub.com.au

Place club notices to notify members of AGMs, General Meetings or tell the community about your club's achievements or recruiting new players.

### **Public Notices**

# Quarter Century of CWA Service Acknowledged

### By Roman Kulkewycz

Bunyip's Dorothy Myers has received a medal and certificate from the Country Women's Association (CWA) of Victoria in recognition of 25 years of dedicated service to the CWA.

Dorothy is best known locally in her role as choir mistress of the Bunyip Singers. Dorothy celebrated her 90th birthday on Sunday 13th November with relatives and friends.

Happy Birthday Dorothy from all at the Bunyip & District Community News!



Congratulations to Dorothy and Joe on their truly deserved recognition from all at the Bunyip & District Community News

### 70 Year CFA Service Medal

### **By Roman Kulkewycz**

Eighty six year old Bunyip icon, Joe Cumming OAM, was awarded the 70 Year Service Medal for his outstanding years of service to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) at a special function held in Bunyip last month.



Joe's entire years with the CFA have been spent at the Bunyip Fire Brigade, where Joe was Captain for 31 years. He is a Life Member of both the CFA and the Bunyip Fire Brigade. Joe still attends brigade meetings and takes an interest in the Training Track activities.

The Brigade Training Track at the Bunyip Recreation Reserve is named the 'Joe Cumming Training Track' in his honour in recognition of the huge amount of time and effort he has put into its planning and construction. Joe is the only surviving member of the original competition running team.

Joe says that he has been on most of Bunyip's community committees, but now is only involved with the Fire Brigade, Bunyip Recreation Reserve and the Community Market committees. He continues to be a great asset to the local community and in 2013, Joe was awarded the Order of Australia (OAM) Medal in recognition of outstanding services to his local community.

In his younger days Joe played football for Bunyip in the winter months and concentrated on fire brigade in the warmer weather. He worked as a maintenance man in the district and drove trucks for a while too.

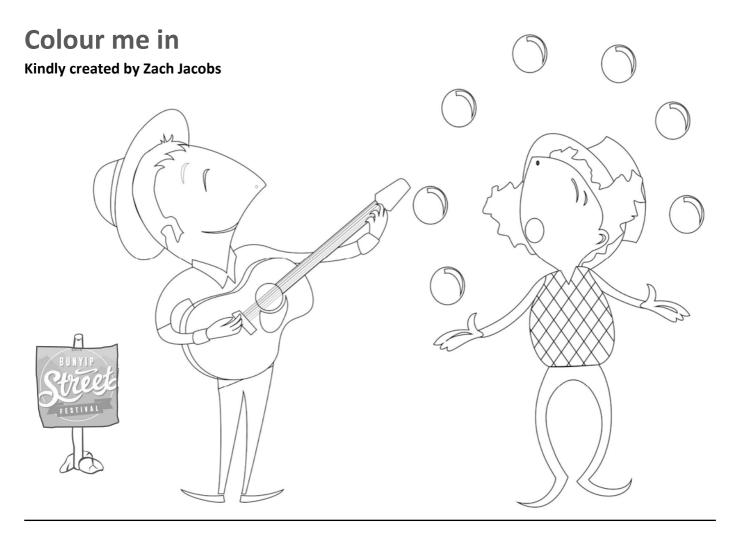
Joe has been married to Joyce for 64 years and the couple has four daughters, including a set of twins. They have lived in the same house in Bunyip since they married. In his spare time Joe enjoys making knick-knacks out of wood for his family and friends.

Photo by Roman Kulkewycz

Keep in touch with your community and **'Follow'** our Facebook page "Bunyip and District Community News".



'Post' your club or community event or 'Like' a photo taken by a local. If you need more information you can email facebook@bunyipnews.org.au.



## From the Editor...

### Thank you for your kind words

Thank you to all the lovely people who emailed me about how much they like the new format of the newsletter. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

### Special thanks

I'd just like to say a big thank you to all who contribute regularly to the newsletter, particularly Tackleman and Dinesh from Bunyip Pharmacy who have been providing great articles for quite for some time, but a special thanks needs to go to Roman Kulkewycz as without his wonderful stories and photos the newsletter would be a little bare!

### **Club and Public Notices**

Place club notices for your members or tell the community about your club's achievements. Our Public notices are also free and we would be happy to make any announcements that are appropriate to the district and its readers. Let us know and we will place it in the newsletter. You can find club notices on page 28 and public notices on page 29.

### **Newsletter Online**

View the current and all pervious editions of the newsletter on our website www.bunyipnews.org.au.

### **New Advertising Offer**

We now offer your company a 150 word business editorial when you purchase our amazing value 12-month business card ad placement for \$100. When you place an ad with the newsletter, we offer free basic design for your ad. Your ad will also be found in our online newsletters. Remember to let us know if your business offers senior discounts.

### We want your stories!

Are you interested in gardening? Got some great recipes to share? Keen follower of local sports people and want to shout about their successes? The Bunyip & District Community News is looking for committed volunteer writers for regular articles in the newsletter. If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, please email the Editor at editor@bunyipnews.org.au or call 0498 852 137.

If a regular gig is not your thing, then we also encourage you to submit anything you think is newsworthy, as we are always interested to hear your ideas and stories. Don't forget to include any photos you might have.

# Monthly local police update (23rd September to 22nd October, 2016)

By Danny Hower, Victoria Police Sergeant





Hello Danny again,

We have been working with local community members, Department of Environment & Primary Industries (DEPI), as well as other agencies and subject matter experts to identify and implement strategies that will assist in dealing with ongoing criminal behaviour and illegal deer hunting in the Bunyip State Park and neighbouring private properties.

### **DID YOU KNOW THAT**

- It is illegal to carry guns or weapons and hunt in State Parks (including bows etc.).
- Police respond to approximately two vehicles per week being dumped or set on fire in and around the Bunyip State Park. They are either stolen and stripped or falsely reported as stolen for insurance purposes assisted mostly by local criminals.
- Between July and September this year there have been 101 incidents in Bunyip State Park reported to DEPI. The majority of incidents being criminal damage to gates and locks (13 gate locks and 24 chains broken/cut) and illegal rubbish dumping.
- There have been numerous notifications and remnants of illegal hunting in Bunyip State Park and on neighbouring properties.
- This criminal damage and illegal hunting is done to achieve small time short-term personal gain, and results in the damage and killing of flora and fauna by people not concerned about other Park users.

At this stage the working party is considering controlled culls on private properties, targeted police patrols, and ongoing Police / DEPI operations.

We would like all local residents to report any incidents of a concerning nature to police so we can respond if required, or at least collate the information for reference and tasking. Phone, email, or even a discreet letter in our mailbox will do. It helps keep us around locally.

From a general policing perspective, there have been 21 incidents involving criminal offences reported to the local police in the last month. By comparison Pakenham Police response zone had 268 incidents reported in the same period.

I'm happy with 21!!

Here are some of the things we dealt with locally.

- Eight family violence incidents involving assaults / criminal damage / burglary / weapons offences, and intervention orders. Two each occurred in Bunyip, Garfield and Catani, and one each in Nar Nar Goon and Tynong North.
- A man's wallet lost in Bunyip was later located in Railway Ave minus the cash.
- A Tynong man was interviewed after an assault allegation by another Tynong man.
- A Drouin man was finally identified and interviewed for an assault that occurred on 25th April on a train at Bunyip.
- Three people requiring police involvement and hospital assistance for health issues.
- A \$40,000 Mercedes van reported stolen from Croydon was burnt out on Bunyip River Road, Cora Lyn late on 15th October.
- Two cars had items stolen from them in Bunyip. One had all wheels removed in broad daylight while it was in the car park of the old Caltex Service Station on the Princes Hwy.
- Two cars criminally damaged one in Bunyip was keyed and one in Garfield had a window smashed.
- The front door to Bunyip Police Station was smashed between 10 am and 3 pm on 3rd October.
- Two cars were dumped on Bunyip River Road near Labertouche Road in Bunyip State Park. One was burnt out and one was submerged with stolen number plates.
- Seven people were 'Field contacted' for suspicious behaviour— three in Garfield, two in Garfield North and one each in Tynong and Labertouche.
- Eighteen infringement notices were issued, five people were interviewed at the police station, and six people were charged and will be going to court for criminal or traffic offences.

Family incidents are still obviously the highest reported issue to us and it is good that people are comfortable contacting us for assistance. Referrals to professional counselling services are the main results of police involvements in family incidents when there is no criminality involved.

### Monthly local police update (cont'd)

We are trying to locate the owner of a bicycle that was found in in High Street Bunyip in the last few months – they're not in trouble, however we would like to talk to them.

We would also like to speak to the gentleman that came to the police station and reported the bike – I remember what you look like but unfortunately forgot to get your name.

On a further local note, you may recall in a recent newsletter a short article about a man who had been evading police state-wide. He was eventually arrested locally, and at the time he had been temporarily residing in a local unit with illegal tenants, which was also attracting the attention of other unwanted non-local criminals. Well that man now has more permanent accommodation compliments of *Her Majesty*.

The illegal tenant was legally evicted but appealed the eviction at the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. So police and other agencies gave evidence at the appeal, and the result was that the original eviction was upheld – meaning some peace has returned to certain areas of Bunyip.

Statewide the Traffic Accident Commission (TAC) has identified and are funding additional ongoing traffic patrols of high risk and high collision areas with some local rural roads being identified in that assessment.

Please keep an eye on the speed limits in local towns, as some may have changed including your driving habits. Sadly unexpected things keep happening to normal people and it affects everyone.

Danny Hower, Victoria Police Sergeant 26184 Bunyip Police Station, 4 Pearson St, Bunyip bunyip-uni-oic@police.vic.gov.au Ph 03 5629 5205

# Santa's preparing to come to town!

Bunyip Fire Brigade received a special call from Santa last week. Santa and Mrs. Claus are well and are preparing for Christmas with the elves working around the clock.

Santa has asked the Bunyip Fire Brigade to help distribute presents in their fire vehicles this Christmas Eve. Santa will deliver presents to Bunyip, Garfield, Iona, Modella, and Tonimbuk.

Presents are to be clearly labelled with your child's name, address and phone number. Presents are to be no bigger than a shoebox.

We hope to start our *Santa Run* at about 4 pm on Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December, to ensure all presents are delivered by 8:30 pm.

You can drop off your presents between 1st and 16th December at the following locations.

### **Drop Off Locations**

- Bendigo Bank Bunyip
- Bunyip Primary School
- Garfield Post Office
- Bunyip Fire Brigade Monday's after 7pm

Special thanks to our drop off points for their collaboration in assisting Bunyip Fire Brigade.

All Bunyip Fire Brigade participants in the *Santa Run* are volunteers and a small donation to the Brigade would be greatly appreciated.

Please note that in the event of an emergency we may not be able to adhere to our schedule.

For all enquiries regarding the Santa Run, please contact Leeanne on 03 5629 5683 or 0438 210 160.



# **Bunyip Fire Brigade ready to serve**





Saturday night on 22nd October, the Bunyip Fire Brigade held its Annual Awards and Dinner night at the Bunyip Football Club Social Rooms.

Service awards were presented by Operations Manager Mark Kennedy to Josh Kasper, Anne Delosa, Luke Monckton, Tony Arrigo, Graham Gray, Shaun Hudgell, Tony Ward, Kevin Duffy.

A service award was also present to Ronald J Cumming OA for his 70 years (yes 70 years!) service to the Country Fire Authority (CFA) with his entire service as a member of the Bunyip Fire Brigade including Captain for over 30 years.

Current Captain John Cooper received a National Medal and First Clasp, while ex-Captain Kevin Duffy and 1st Lieutenant John Legione, also received their First Clasp to the National Medal.

Fire Fighter John Beavis received a Fourth Clasp to his National Medal, which equates to over 55 years of active and diligent operational service.

The Warwick Turner Memorial Trophy went to Alisha Maetzing while Ulrike Maetzing accepted the Phil Edwards Memorial Trophy and 2nd Lieutenant Jason Boler proudly accepted the Captains Trophy.



Photo: Alisha Maetzing with Warwick Turner Memorial Trophy.



Photo: Ulrike Maetzing with Phil Edwards Memorial Trophy.

There will be a Community Information session held this year at the Tonimbuk Hall on Tuesday 6th December. Brigade members and CFA staff will be available to discuss your bushfire preparedness from 4 pm until 7 pm. Why not drop in on your way home and enjoy a free sausage. Stay for as long as you like. Make it a social night and get a few friends together. This event is open to all residents who live or work in the Bunyip, Garfield, Iona, Garfield North or Tonimbuk areas. See you then!

For more information please call Simon on 0411 535 075 or check out our Facebook page.



Photo: Ex-Captain Ronald "Joe" Cumming OA receiving award.



Photo: Ex-Captain Kevin Duffy and 1st Lieutenant John Legione recieving their First Clasp to the National Medal.



Photo: 2nd Lieutenant Jason Boler with the Captains Trophy.



Bunyip 3815

# Bunyip & District Community House

Website: www.bdch.com.au Phone: 5629 5877 Email: admin@bdch.com.au



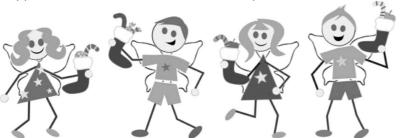
Opening Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 9:30am to 4:30pm; Thursday - 10:00am to 3:00pm

All participants are required to enrol and to be financial members of the Community House to ensure eligibility for insurance cover. Annual Bunyip & District Membership costs are \$6.00 for individuals and \$12.00 for families. Bunyip & District Community House is closed on Public Holidays and during school holidays.

## What's coming up at Bunyip & District Community House

# KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY & BUTTERFLY DANCE CONCERT

The BDCH Annual Kids Christmas Party, held for our Butterfly Dance and Community Playtime children, will be held this year on **Sunday 27th November from 9:30 am to 11:30 am** at the Bunyip Hall. The Butterfly Dance Concert will also be held commencing at **10:30 am sharp**. Fairy bread and fruit will be supplied, and drinks will be available for purchase.



### **LAST DAY BDCH OPEN FOR 2016**

The last day that the Bunyip & District Community House will open to the public will be **Friday 16th December**. The House will reopen to normal hours from Monday 30th January at 9:30 am, with classes resuming the following day. The House will also be open on Tuesdays 10th, 17th and 24th January from 9:30 am for your convenience.

### BDCH End of Year Party

An invitation is extended to our members to attend our annual Christmas Party, which will be held at the Bunyip Hall on **Wednesday**14th December from 12:30 pm.

Tea, coffee, party pies, sausage rolls and dip & vegie platter will be supplied. Come along and help us celebrate the year that was 2016! We look forward to seeing you all there.



If you have questions regarding any of our programmes or events, please contact Davina on 03 5629 5877 or email admin@bdch.com.au.

### **ACTIVITIES AT BUNYIP & DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOUSE**

Day	Times	Activity	
Monday	10:00am-12:00pm	Art Class with Karen	
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Computer Class	
Tuesday	1:00pm-4:00pm	Social Card Playing Group (vacancies available)	
	10:00am-12:00pm	Folk Art Class with Judy (\$5 p.p.)	
Wednesday	10:00am-12:00pm	Computers with Maureen & AJ	
	1:00pm	Genealogy with Ron	
Thursday	10:00am-12:00pm	Computers with AJ	
	1:00pm-3:00pm	"Cuppa & Chat" with Rose & Kath	
Friday	10:00am-4:00pm	Free Public Internet	
	11:00am-1:00pm	Apple & Android devices probus	
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Pad Class with AJ (by appointment only)	

### **ACTIVITIES AT BUNYIP HALL**

Day	Times	Activity	
Monday	9:30am-10:15am	Butterfly Dance (suitable 2½ to 5 yrs)	
	4:30pm-6:30pm	Yoga with Chris in the supper room	
Tuesday	1:00pm-2:00pm	Tai Chi Practice (Golden Lion)	
Wednesday	9:30am-11:30am	School Term Community Play Time (\$4 per child or \$5 per family)	
	8:30am-2:00pm	Bunyip & District Men's Shed (For information call President Robert Hamilton 0459 278 771) Held at 22 A'Beckett Road	
Thursday	4:30pm-6:00pm	Thursday Art for Adults with Trish (bookings essential \$12 per person)	
Friday	No Activities		
Saturday	10:00am-11:00am	Tai Chi Practice (Golden Lion) in the supper room	

### **Community Calendar**

### **NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2016**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
14	15	16	17	18 Garfield Bowling Club's Twilight Bowls	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Hillview Craft & Fabric Day	27 Community Market Community House Christmas Party & Butterfly Dance
28	29	<b>30</b> Bunyip Cemetery Trust AGM	1 Garfield Seniors Citizens Club Day Trip	Garfield Bowling Club's Twilight Bowls	<b>3</b> Big Sky Sanctuary Barn Dance	<b>4</b> Tynong Town Garage Sale
5	6	7	8	9 Twilight Community Market Bunyip & District Carols by Candlelight & Fireworks	10 Longwarry Union Church Family Carols	11
12	13	14	Australia Day Celebration entries close	Garfield Bowling Club's Twilight Bowls Garfield Christmas Festival	17	18 St Thomas' Nine Lessons & Carols
19	20	21	22	23	<b>24</b> Bunyip Fire Brigade Santa Run	<b>25</b> Christmas Day – Santa arrives!

When you book an ad with Bunyip & District Community News or place a notice, your event, AGM, community gathering will be added to the community calendar for free! Enquire now about how you get your event / function in to the community calendar which will be coming to our website soon.

## Defibrillators in your area

### **BUNYIP**

Bunyip Fire Brigade Station – 15 Pearson St Hillview Bunyip Aged Care – 22 A'Beckett Rd Bunyip & District Men's Shed – 22 A'Beckett Rd (off Anderson St)

Bunyip Recreation Reserve – Nar Nar Goon-Longwarry Rd

(Defibrillator coming to Bendigo Bank soon)

### **GARFIELD**

Garfield Bowling Club – Beswick St Garfield Golf Club – 180 Thirteen Mile Rd Garfield Post Office – 77 Main St Garfield Recreation Reserve – Beswick St

### **MARYKNOLL**

Maryknoll Fire Brigade Station – 16 Koolbirra Rd Maryknoll Recreation Reserve – Marrakilla Rd

### **NAR NAR GOON**

Nar Nar Goon Fire Brigade Station – 6 Carney St Nar Nar Goon Recreation Reserve – Spencer St

### **TYNONG**

Tynong Fire Brigade Station – 47 Nar Nar Goon- Longwarry Rd Tynong Recreation Reserve – Park Rd







### **Community Contacts**

### **Bunyip Animal Rescue Network**

animalrescue@dodo.com.au or www.speakforanimals.info/barn

### **Bunyip & District Agricultural Society**

Joan Harrison – 0429 550 605 (Meets at 8 pm on 3rd Wednesday at Bunyip Hall)

### **Bunyip Cemetery**

Secretary Karen Rovers – 0499 295 772 or bunyipcemetery@dcsi.net.au

### **Bunyip & District Community House**

Davina Veenstra – 03 5629 5877 or admin@bdch.com.au

### **Bunyip & District Fire Station**

1800 240 667 or 000

### **Bunyip Hall Hire**

Sue Anderson – 0407 834 443 or susananderson@dcsi.net.au

### Justice of the Peace (JP)

Martin F. Sayers (OAM, JP) – 0411 074 468 or 03 5629 5339

### **Bunyip Landcare Group**

Sue Anderson – 03 5629 5587 or susananderson@dcsi.net.au

### **Cannibal Creek Landcare Group**

Pam Cunningham - 0407 876 935

### **Bunyip Community Market**

Tony Arrigo – 0407 563 441 (Last Sunday each month)

### **Longwarry & District Fire Brigade Market**

Janine – 0419 158 946 (1st Sunday each month – March to December)

### **Bunyip Medical Centre**

03 5629 5111

### **Bunyip & District Men's Shed**

Secretary Allen Berry – 03 5629 6140 or 0429 296 140 (Meets each Wednesday 9:30 am to 2:00 pm)

### **Bunyip Community Op Shop**

03 5629 6117 (After hours Tony Arrigo – 0407 563 441)

### **Bunyip Playgroup**

Beth Frances – 0421 863 923 or Dave Sempel – 0409 382 631 (Held Wednesday mornings during the school term)

#### **Bunyip Police Station**

03 5629 5205 or 000

### **Bunyip R.S.L Sub-Branch**

David Papley - 0438 295 568

#### **Bunyip Scouts Australia**

Steven Agnoleto – 0408 395 792 or agots@bigpond.com

### **Bunyip & District SES**

1800 240 667 or 000

### **Anglican Church of St Thomas Bunyip**

Raelene Carroll - 03 5629 5295

### **Bunyip & District Toy Library**

Hayley – 0400 103 644 (Located at the Maternal Child Health Centre on Thursday 9:30 am–10:30 am)

### **Bunyip Country Women's Association**

Wendy Earwicker – 03 5629 9241 (Meeting at 10 am to 1 pm on 4th Friday at Hillview Aged Centre)

### **Community Clubs**

### **Bunyip Bulls Basketball Club**

Donna Deken - 0409 193 951

#### **Garfield Bowling Club**

Maureen Lamport - 03 5629 6014

### **Longwarry Bowls Club**

Trevor or Judy Eastwell – 03 5623 3631 or Ken White – 03 5625 4034

### **Bunyip Football Club**

Secretary Gina Dowie – 0422 335 660 or bunyip.f.c@bigpond.com

### **Bunyip Netball Club**

Secretary Casey Walker – 0421 903 056 or bunyipnetballclub@hotmail.com

### **Bunyip Patch Workers Club**

Barb - 03 5629 4326

### **Bunyip-Garfield Probus Club**

Secretary – 03 5625 4350 (Meets at 10 am 1st Tuesday each month at Garfield Community Hall)

### **Bunyip Pony Club**

Jim Fraser – 03 5629 4358 or Lisa Hocking – 03 5629 5259 (Every 2nd Sunday Pound Road Reserve)

### **Lillico Pony Club**

Bree – 0458 828 782 (Every 4th Sunday Pound Rd Reserve)

### **Rotary Club of Bunyip-Garfield**

Graeme Squires – 0417 105 598 (Dinner meeting each Wednesday at 6:30 pm)

### **Garfield Senior Citizens Club**

03 5629 2586

### **Bunyip Singers Club**

Dorothy Myers – 03 5629 5601 (Meets at Bunyip Hall every Monday 9:30 am)

### **Bunyip Slimmers Club**

Sandra Hogan – 03 5629 9548 (Meets every Wednesday at Bunyip Uniting Church)

### **Bunyip & District Soccer Club**

Adrian Gatti - 0417 590 830

### **Bunyip Tennis Club**

Anne Marie Helmore - 0408 295 626

### **Bunyip Uncle Bobs Club**

Barry Turner - 03 5625 4830

DOES YOUR LOCAL CLUB / COMMUNITY GROUP DETAILS NEED TO BE ADDED OR UPDATED?

Let us know your details and get more people involved.